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PRESIDENTIAL TRIP: CONSERVATIVE "EL MERCURIO" APRIL 2,
PAGE 10 CARRIES AP PHOTO OF PRES. CARTER ON HIS ARRIVAL IN
NIGERIA; AND ANOTHER OF MRS. CARTER HOLDING A NIGERIAN BABY
IN HER ARMS; AND AP STORY DATELINED LAGOS HEADED: "CARTER
REGRETS PRESENCE OF CUBAN MILITARY IN AFRICA"; SUBHEAD: "IN
HIS SPEECH IN LAGOS NIGERIA, CHIEF-OF-STATE CENSURED SOUTH
AFRICA, SAYING THAT DAY WILL COME WHEN CONTINENT LIBERATES
ITSELF FROM RACIAL DISCRIMINATION." INDEPENDENT "LA TERCERA"
PAGE 27, CARRIES LATIN-REUTER CABLE DATELINED LAGOS HEADED:
"CARTER IN NIGERIA", WITH A UPI PICTURE OF PRESIDENT CARTER
AND GENERAL OLUSEGUM OBASANJO. "MERCUIRO" CHAIN'S
-ULTIMAS NOTICIAS" APRIL 2 PAGE 6 CARRIES EFE STORY DATELINED
LAGOS AND HEADED: "CARTER IN NIGERIA: I SHARE PEACE HOPES IN
AFRICA," AND AN EFE STORY ON PAGE 7 DATELINED SAO PAULO
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HEADED: "CARTER TAKES NOTE OF MISSING PERSONS", SUBHEAD:
"ACCUSATIONS OF BRAZILIAN CARDINAL". GOC "EL CRONISTA", PAGE
5 CARRIES AP STORY DATELINED LAGOS HEADED: "CARTER
DEPLORED FOREIGN MILITARY INTERFERENCE IN AFRICAN COUNTRIES",
WITH A UPI PICTURE OF PRES. CARTER AND GENERAL OLUSEGUM
OBASANJO. FIRST COMMENT APPEARED IN INDEPENDENT "LA TERCERA"
APRIL 2, PAGE 21. IN ITS "INTERNATIONAL WEEK" COMMENTARY

"TERCERA" SAYS: "AS EXPECTED, PRES. JIMMY CARTER HAD WARM RECEPTION IN VENEZUELA... BECAUSE HIS ADMINISTRATION IS VERY CLOSE TO VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS. IT IS SAID THIS IS REASON WHY CARTER TALKED MORE ABOUT OIL PRICE THAN ABOUT ANY OTHER SUBJECT WITH PRES. PEREZ. SECOND STAGE OF TOUR TOOK HIM TO BRAZIL... WHERE IT ALREADY KNOWN ATMOSPHERE WAS RATHER TEPID... THEIR CONVERSATIONS DID NOT LEAD TO ANY AGREEMENT ON TWO SUBJECTS: HUMAN RIGHTS AND NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION. REGARDING LAST SUBJECT IT WOULD BE RISKY TO SUPPOSE MR. CARTER TRYING TO HINDER BRAZIL, AS OTHER NATIONALS, ON NUCLEAR MATTERS JUST FOR PURPOSE OF PRESERVING U.S. AND OTHER POWERS' ATOMIC MONOPOLY. WHAT HAPPENS IS THAT HE IS INTERNALLY WORRIED THAT THE MORE NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS IN WORLD THE MORE OF THOSE RESOURCES BEING USED IN MAKING OF BOMBS... IT IS GOING TO BE INTERESTING TO CONTINUE TO OBSERVE CONTACTS BOTH PRESIDENTS WILL HAVE ON THIS SUBJECT... AT END OF WEEK CARTER WAS IN NIGERIA AND RECEPTION TURNED FROM TEPID TO COLD. HE FOUND HIMSELF IN MIDDLE OF ATMOSPHERE OF DISTRUST ACCUMULATED FROM PERFORMANCES OF PAST ADMINISTRATIONS REGARDING AFRICAN PROBLEMS... NIGERIAN COMMENTARISTS CONCLUDED THAT CARTER GOVERNMENT -- BEFORE GIVING OPINIONS AND MAKING SUGGESTIONS -- SHOULD ESTABLISH AN AFRICAN POLICY IN WHICH ECONOMIC INTEREST SHOULD NOT PREVAIL. WITH THIS KIND OF 'HOME WORK' CARTER HAS JUSTIFICATION FOR TOUR. TOUR IS ENDING AND WITH RESPECT TO LIBERIA HE WILL AGAIN RECEIVE WARM DEMONSTRATIONS DUE TO HISTORICAL REASONS."

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